

- [54] **BALL-RETURNING TENNIS NET
ASSEMBLY**
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A ball-returning tennis net assembly comprises a net structure of an inner net and an outer net on each side of the inner net for gathering balls hit into the net structure in a manner preventing the balls from rebounding onto a playing surface of a tennis court and for causing the balls to drop into an elongate inclined tray positioned along the base of the net so that the collected balls will roll down the tray to one end of the net structure. The tray delivers the ball to an automatic ball return mechanism at the side of the court which has a powered paddle device for batting the balls to a selected location at either end of the court.

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